

Brief CV of the Coordinator



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Dr Njifonjou Oumarou holds a Ph.D in Fisheries from the University of Bretagne Occidentale, Brest, France (1998), having specialized in socio-economics. Through his extensive work in the field of coastal resources management and fisheries (since 1987), he has gained broad professional experience in African fisheries, notably in the management of coastal water bodies. He has worked closely with the integrated development of artisanal fisheries in West Africa (IDAF) and his expertise in the framework of the Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA) has been applied in participatory diagnostics with coastal communities as well as the analysis of the livelihoods of these communities using PRA tools kit.

In the role of resource person and team leader, Dr Oumarou has conducted numerous studies with the Sustainable Fisheries Livelihood Programme (SFLP - FAO) in West Africa, notably in the analysis of the livelihoods and/or poverty profiling of coastal communities in (among others): the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996), the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2001, 2002), the Republic of Cameroon (1995 - 2006), the Republic of Chad (2002), the Guinea Republic (2004). For 18 months (2003 – 2004), he worked as technical assistant and minister's technical adviser for the PAMPA Project in the Republic of Guinea: "*Fisheries and Aquaculture Department Institutional Support Project*", financed by European Union. He was personally in charge of economic assessment and implementation of the socio-economic follow-up system of the fisheries sector and the establishment of the Inland Fisheries Leading Plan Assessment.

In the field of research, he has served as coordinator for many research projects, notably "*Biodiversity and Sustainable management of the mangroves in Cameroon*", an FAO-funded project and "*Environmental impact of shrimp trawling through introduction of bycatch Reduction Devices*", a GEF/UNEP Project.

Dr Njifonjou has published many scientific papers and since March 2005 has served as the Director, Fisheries and Oceanographic Research Station (SRHOL) Limbe, Cameroon.